

Malvern, PA – Today Congressman Joe Sestak (D-PA) attended the Malvern Fire Company Fair yesterday at the Monument Grounds in Malvern. This annual event ran from July 17th through 21st. — {The annual event featured amusement rides, fire truck rides, bingo, music and food cooked by the firefighters themselves. The Malvern Free Will Fire Company was established February 8, 1888, by about 50 citizens of the village. Reportedly, the motto agreed to during early meetings of the new Company held at J. Jones Still's bicycle shop was, "Do the best you can at any time, at any place; no night too dark, no road too rough to answer the call of mercy and of duty." More information about the fire company can be found at: [ht
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At the event, Congressman Sestak had the opportunity to talk to constituents about his support and cosponsorship of bipartisan legislation to provide tax relief for volunteer first responders. The Volunteer Firefighter's Tax Incentive Protection Act will allow state and local governments the flexibility to develop beneficial tax incentives, including property tax abatements, retirement awards, death benefits, health benefits, and state income tax credits, for encouraging recruitment and retention for volunteer firefighters and emergency medical personnel. Rep. Sestak hopes that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and local municipalities will continue to work to provide their volunteer emergency responders with the appropriate incentives, rewarding them for the first-class service they offer the citizens of Pennsylvania.

"One of the greatest services in my district comes from first responders who are on the frontlines protecting us. They are required to balance the demands of their service with their families and full-time careers. It is vital we enact legislation that will encourage the recruitment and retention of these invaluable members of our community," said the Congressman.

Rep. Sestak plans to visit all the fire and police stations in the district. He has already been to the Ridley Park Fire Co. 1, Radnor Fire Co., Swarthmore Fire Co., Folsom Fire Co., Llanerch Fire Co., Prospect Park Fire Department, Cardington-Stonehurst Fire Company, Brookline Fire Company, Essington Fire Company, Ogden Fire Company, Broomall Fire Company and others.

Born and raised in Delaware County, former 3-star Admiral Joe Sestak served in the Navy for 31 years and now serves as the Representative from the 7th District of Pennsylvania. He led a series of operational commands at sea, including Commander of an aircraft carrier battle group of 30 U.S. and allied ships with over 15,000 sailors and 100 aircraft that conducted operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. After 9/11, Joe was the first Director of "Deep Blue," the Navy's anti-terrorism unit that established strategic and operations policies for the "Global War on Terrorism." He served as President Clinton's Director for Defense Policy at the National Security Council in the White House, and holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from

Harvard University. According to the office of the House Historian, Joe is the highest-ranking former military officer ever elected to the U.S. Congress.